Why The Citadel is Right for You

The Citadel is ranked by *U.S.News & World Report* (2016) as the No. 1 Public University in the South offering up to a master’s degree. Within The Citadel Graduate College, 95% of the faculty have Ph.D.s or the highest degree offered in their particular discipline which assures students obtain the knowledge, skills and ideas needed to gain a competitive advantage in their career.

Conveniently located on the banks of the Ashley River with easy access to I-26, I-526, and Highway 17, The Citadel Graduate College provides opportunities for higher education and professional development through our nationally accredited bachelors, masters and specialist degrees.
Mission Statement
The mission of the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies program is to advance the knowledge of students in a variety of broadly-based ecological and environmental topics.

About the Program
The Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies is a unique interdisciplinary program which brings together two academic strengths of The Citadel – a nationally-ranked Engineering program and a Biology program with several faculty specializing in ecology.

The program promotes a more comprehensive understanding of the complex relationship between living organisms, including humans, and the highly dynamic nature of their surrounding physical environment.

This post-baccalaureate certificate program is designed for educators seeking to enhance their ability to teach about local and global environmental issues in the classroom. In addition, working professionals, in business, industry, and government, who are seeking an analytic basis for a complete understanding of ecological and environmental processes will benefit from this program.

Courses taken as part of the Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies can be counted toward the Master of Arts in Biology at The Citadel.

Program Requirements
The Graduate Certificate in Environmental Studies program requires a minimum of five graduate-level courses totaling at least 16 semester hours.

All students are required to take BIOL 609 - Seminar in Environmental Studies. Students are also required to choose at least two courses from an approved list of Biology courses (at least one of which must be a 4 credit hour course with lab for a minimum of 7 semester hours), and at least two courses (6 semester hours) from an approved list of Civil and Environmental Engineering courses.

Students admitted to the program are not required to have an undergraduate major in biology. However, it is assumed that students will have had at least 12 hours in college-level biology courses, including a course in ecology. Interested students who do not have the recommended biology requirements must confer with the department head or graduate advisor prior to beginning the program.

Please refer to The Citadel Graduate College catalog for admission and program requirements as well as the approved list of courses with course descriptions.